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RE APPLICATION OF: Soo Young Choi et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/829,016

FILED: April 30, 2004

FOR: CONTROLLING THE PROPERTIES AND  
UNIFORMITY OF A SILICON NITRIDE FILM  
BY CONTROLLING THE FILM  
FORMING PRECURSORS

§ GROUP ART UNIT: Unknown

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§ EXAMINER: Unknown

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants are submitting the subject Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(1). This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date of the subject application.

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This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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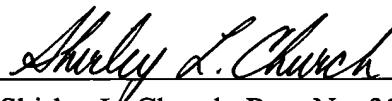
In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(1), applicants hereby request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date of the subject application. Applicants are providing herewith a copy of each document cited on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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If the Examiner has any questions, s/he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shirley L. Church", is written over a horizontal line.

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